

(a) In the Claims

1. and 2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously amended) The method of claim 25, further comprising, after receiving a message from a recipient

5 addressed to the first alias email address:

(a) selecting by the user of the Reply function of an email client program;

(b) inputting of a reply message by the user;

(c) transmitting of the user's reply message to the Alias

10 email server:

(d) stripping of the user's reply message of all information which could identify the user's physical email address by the Alias email server; and

(e) forwarding the stripped reply message to the

15 recipient.

4. and 5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[4]] 3, wherein the generating of the alias email address further comprises substantially random character generating.

20 7. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising entering one or more additional physical email addresses into the client control program, and receiving an

additional alias email address corresponding to each
additional physical email address.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising
entering a request by the client control program for one
5 or more additional alias addresses corresponding to each
physical address, and receiving by the client control
program an additional alias email address corresponding
to each such request.

9. (original)The method of claim 8, further comprising
10 entering a request by the client control program to
suspend forwarding by the alias email server to the email
client program of all email addressed to a particular
alias email address.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, further comprising
15 entering a request by the client control program to
permanently discontinue receipt by the email client
program of all email addressed to a particular alias
email address.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising
20 generating by the client control program of an alias
email address containing a user name, and filtering the
email at the Alias email Server.

12. through 24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[29]]~~ 34,
further comprising transmitting by the user a message to
two or more recipients using the same alias first email
address and the same identification information.

5 26. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 25, wherein
the filter commands further comprise:

(a) rejecting all messages addressed to the first alias
email address at the alias email server;

(b) suspending receipt of all messages addressed to the
10 first alias email address by the alias email server; and

(c) restoring receipt of all messages addressed to the
first alias email address at the alias email server .

27. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 26, further
comprising:

15 (a) entering one or more additional alias email addresses
and identification information associated with each such
additional alias email address by the user;

(b) generating a log by the client control program, and
displaying the log to the user, the log comprising, for
20 each alias email address;

(i) the date of the generation of the alias email address;

(ii) the alias email address; and

(iii) the corresponding identification information.

28. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 27, whereby

(a) the email messages further comprise a subject and a body; and

(b) the identification information comprises a first identification message and a second identification message,

5 and whereby the method further comprises :

(i) appending by the alias email server of the first identification message to the subject; and

(ii) appending by the alias email server of the second identification message to the body.

10 29. (Cancelled)

30. (New) In a computer data communications network, a method for a user to control and organize email messages, the method comprising the steps of:

a) Configuring a system comprising:

- 15 1) an email client program comprising a user email address, and residing on a user computer;
- 2) a user email server which communicates with the email client program over the data communications network;
- 3) an alias email server which communicates with the user email server over the data communications network; and
- 20 4) a client control system which communicates with the alias email server over the data communications network;

- b) entering of the user email address, corresponding identification information, and filter commands into the client control system by the user;
- c) transmitting the user email address, the filter commands, and the corresponding identification information, from the client control system to the alias email server;
- d) storing the user email address, the filter commands, and the corresponding identification information in the alias email server;
- e) automatically generating a first alias email address by the alias email server, not generated from the user address, and not generated from a recipient address, and storing said first alias email address in the alias email server;
- f) transmitting the first alias email address by the alias email server to the client control system;
- g) transmitting a message comprising the first alias email address as a sender address by the alias email server to a recipient;
- h) receiving by the alias email server of a reply message addressed to the first alias email address;
- i) storing information regarding the reply message in the alias email server; and

j) if the stored filter commands do not cause the alias email server to block the reply message, then forwarding by the alias email server of the reply message, together with the identification information, to the user address via the user email server,

so that the recipient is unaware of the user email address, and the user is apprised of the first alias email address and the corresponding identification information of said reply message.

31. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the client control system further comprises a program residing on the user computer.

32. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein the email messages further comprise a subject line and a message body, the method further comprising:

- a) sending the subject line prefix from the client control program to the alias email server;
- b) sending user memo information from the client control program to the alias email server;
- c) storing the user memo information and user subject line prefix in the alias email server;
- d) inserting the user subject line prefix into the subject line of the reply message and inserting the user

memo information into the message body of the reply message,

so that the user can easily associate the alias email address with the reply message and recipient.

- 5 33. (New) The method of claim 32, further comprising inserting the user subject line prefix into header fields of the email message wherein the header fields further comprise a FROM line, a CC line, and a BCC line.

34. (New) The method of claim 33, further comprising:

- 10 a) transmitting to the client control program by the alias email server of statistical information which further comprises:

- 1) the alias email address;
2) a time and date of the creation of the alias email
15 address;

- 3) a message number;
4) the subject line prefix;
5) the user memo information; and

- 6) a number of messages received;
20 7) a number of messages forwarded;

- 8) a previous message received; and

b) sorting of said statistical information by the client control program by either

- 1) a date received;

- 2) a status, comprising suspension of message or resuming of messages;
- 3) a number of total messages received from a particular recipient; or
- 5 4) the date of the creation of the alias email address.